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REPLY

Commissioner for Patents
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SIR:

In response to the Office Action mailed on December 30, 2005, please amend the claims as follows and consider the remarks.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 23 of this paper.